

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below without prejudice or disclaimer. The listing of the claims below replace all previously listings.

1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) Protective garment comprising:

an integrally formed garment body of a liquid impermeable material having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;

an absorptive device associated with the ~~first~~ second portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body; and

loose fibres directly affixed to at least a substantial part of the ~~second~~ first portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body and proximate to the absorptive device.

24. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the fibres are affixed to the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body except for a section of the garment body associated with the absorptive device.

25. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein said ~~second~~ first portion is formed with multiple perforations to permit passage of perspiration therethrough.

26. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 25, wherein said ~~first~~ second portion is not substantially perforated, so as to prevent passage of body fluids therethrough.

27. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the integrally formed garment body has an outer surface, and
further comprising loose fibres directly affixed to at least a portion of the outer surface of the integrally formed garment body.

28. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the liquid impermeable material is rubber.

29. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the fibres are cotton.

30. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the ~~first~~ second portion extends beyond said absorptive device.

31. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

32. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 24, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

33. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein said garment is underpants.

34. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein said garment is brassiere.

35. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective garment comprising the steps of:

forming an garment body of a liquid impermeable material, the garment body having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;

associating an absorptive device with the ~~first~~ second portion of the inner surface of the garment body; and

affixing loose fibres directly to at least a substantial part of the ~~second~~ first portion of the inner surface of the garment body and proximally to the absorptive device.

36. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the associating of the absorptive device with the ~~first~~ second portion includes contacting the absorptive device while the liquid impermeable material is drying.

37. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the fibres are cotton.

38. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the affixing of fibres includes spraying an adhesive to the part of the ~~second~~ first portion and spraying fibres to the part of the ~~second~~ first portion.

39. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the affixing of fibres comprises affixed fibres to the inner surface of the garment body except for a section of the garment body associated with the absorptive device.

40. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the garment body has an outer surface, and further comprising affixing fibres directly to a part of the outer surface of the garment body.

41. (Currently amended) A protective garment comprising:
an integrally formed garment body of an elastic liquid impermeable material having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;
an absorptive device associated with the ~~first~~ second portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body; and
loose fibres directly affixed to at least a substantial part of the ~~second~~ first portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body and proximate to the absorptive device.

42. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 41, wherein the fibres are affixed to the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body except for a section of the garment body associated with the absorptive device.

43. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 41, wherein said ~~second~~ first portion is formed with multiple perforations to permit passage of perspiration therethrough.

44. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 43, wherein said ~~first~~ second portion is not substantially perforated, so as to prevent passage of body fluids therethrough.

45. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 41, wherein the integrally formed garment body has an outer surface, and
further comprising fibres directly affixed to at least a portion of the outer surface of the integrally formed garment body.

46. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 41, wherein the liquid impermeable material is rubber.

47. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 41, wherein the fibres are cotton.

48. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 41, wherein the ~~first~~ second portion extends beyond said absorptive device.

49. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 41, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

50. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 42, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

51. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective garment comprising the steps of:
forming an integral garment body of an elastic liquid impermeable material, the integral garment body having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;
an absorptive device associated with the ~~first~~ second portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body; and
affixing loose fibres directly to at least a substantial part of the ~~second~~ first portion and proximally to the absorptive device.

52. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 51, wherein the associating of the absorptive device with the ~~first~~ second portion includes contacting the absorptive device while the liquid impermeable material is drying.

53. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 51, wherein the fibres are cotton.

54. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 51, wherein the affixing of fibres includes spraying an adhesive to the part of the ~~second~~ first portion and spraying fibres to the part of the ~~second~~ first portion.

55. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 51, wherein the affixing of fibres comprises affixed fibres to the inner surface of the garment body except for a section of the garment body associated with the absorptive device.

56. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 51, wherein the garment body has an outer surface, and
further comprising affixing fibres directly to a part of the outer surface of the garment body.

57. (Previously presented) Protective garment comprising:

an integrally formed garment body of a liquid impermeable material having an inner surface, the body formed with multiple perforations to permit perspiration therethrough; and

loose fibres directly affixed to at least a substantial portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body.

58. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57 wherein the inner surface has a first portion and a second portion.

59. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 57, further comprising an absorptive device associated with the ~~first~~ second portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body.

60. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 59, wherein the fibres that are affixed to the ~~second~~ first portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body are proximate to the portion of the garment body associated with the absorptive device.

61. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 59 wherein said ~~first~~ second portion is not substantially perforated, so as to prevent passage of body fluids therethrough.

62. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein the integrally formed garment body has an outer surface, and
further comprising fibres directly affixed to at least a portion of the outer surface of the integrally formed garment body.

63. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein the liquid impermeable material is rubber.

64. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein the fibres are cotton.

65. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 59, wherein the ~~first~~ second portion extends beyond said absorptive device.

66. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

67. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 59, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

68. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein said garment is underpants.

69. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein said garment is brassiere.

70. (Cancelled)